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Fall Family Festival

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Did you celebrate the century Saint Leo-style? Well, a high percentage of the student body, along with approximately 125 of their family members, did. This year's theme for Fall Festival traveled back through all the excitement of the century. Every aspect of the weekend focused on this theme and the many activities, including a play, talent show, golf tournament, carnival, dance, and a special Mass to complete the weekend. A good mix of family time and fun activities made for an exciting weekend.

With so much to do, it was hard to decide what the best part of the weekend was. For some it was the activities; for others, it was the family time. Student Becky Plamondon attended a variety of the events; she commented that her favorite part was "being able to spend time with [her] family and meet other people's parents.

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Frances Martin Retires

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The Frances Martin Scholarship was announced on Nov. 12, in the Raleigh-Greene Room during a campus-wide celebration of Frances's retirement. The scholarship is need-based, and it is available to transfer students from all parts of Florida. Martin founded Saint Leo's social work program in 1971, and was one of the "pioneers" of the college. "Her influence on the social work program permeates every part of it," said Kathe Patrick, a student of Martin's.

During the retirement party, faculty, administrators, staff, and students congratualated Martin on her achievements: "No person is remembered more often and more fondly by the grads of Saint Leo than Frances," said Dr. Kirk, President of St. Leo. "She inspired me to go in the direction I'm going in now," said Jason Tell, a student of Martin's. "She was very tough, but I know when I leave here that I'll know what I'm doing," said Amy Johnson, another student of Martin's.

Martin felt that her time at Saint Leo had been very rewarding. "The real essence of why I've been here is the students," she said. "These thirty-five years gave me the opportunity to teach and interact with many interesting, complex, and diverse students. I welcomed the challenge of the motivated students, who, in turn, motivated me. Everyone benefited. The greatest reward of this interactive process is the professional success so many of the students I worked with are now experiencing. [Saint

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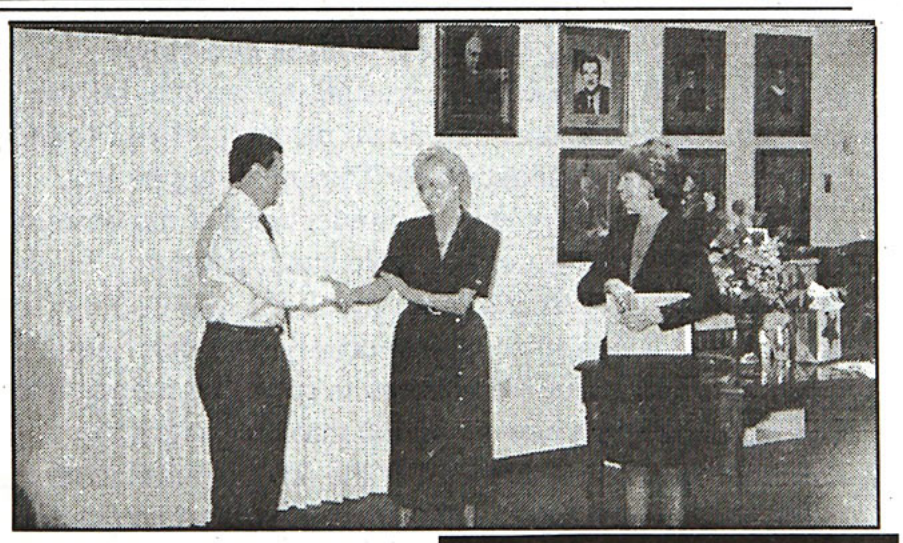

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EDITORIAL

Where were you when the lights went out?

This is a question that has been asked with surprising frequency both this semester and last. Returning students may remember the recurring outages during the spring semester's exam week. The power has been turned off at the University College campus no less than twice this semester. This is odd because in September, Mr. Ben Donatelli, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, assured the *Monarch* in a written statement that, "We normally expect the problem during the summer months therefore we do not expect this to occur this semester." In fact, within days after this statement was made, the faculty was notified to expect a power outage. When asked about this discrepancy, Mr. Donatelli merely said, "As I understand the two most recent power outages, they were the result of accidents involving TECO generation or transmission facilities." While I realize that Saint Leo University has no control over such accidents, this does seem to provide further evidence that the university's use of TECO's interruptible power rate (which allows them to cut the university's power whenever they deem necessary) may not be in its best interest. However, the university cannot even drop this undesirable plan because, as Mr. Donatelli said, customers must give TECO five years notice before any such change can be made.

It is ridiculous that a university is this dependent on the whims of an unreliable power company. If TECO cannot be trusted to provide power, then Saint Leo should make other arrangements. Mr. Donatelli told the *Monarch* that independent generators would be constructed during this year, but I have yet to see them. Saint Leo University is charging students a great deal of money; it seems only fair that students should be assured of electricity for lights, computers, air conditioning, heating, and even classes (many of which must be cancelled when the power stops flowing). According to Mr. Donatelli, the school is saving money by allowing TECO to turn off the power periodically. Should the university make money at the students' expense? At the very least, students should be given monetary compensation for those times when they lose the services they are paying for. Why should students pay for services that they are not receiving?

BY- Jennifer Hawley, Assistant Editor

Dear Editor:

I was more than excited to be graduating early. I had to take nine classes (27 credit hours) last semester and 10 classes (30 credit hours) this semester to make it out early but I gave it my all. I am a member of the Saint Leo Honors program as well as a recognized honor student of Delta Epsilon Sigma (National Honors Society). I am also eligible to graduate Summa Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.96. I have been accepted to law school for the January semester and thought things were really going great. I have accomplished my dream of graduating with honors and doing it at an accelerated pace while maintaining an extremely high GPA, maintaining a full-time job, and raising my 9 year old son as a single mother. Well, I knew that it was all too good to be true and it has all come crashing down recently when I found out the policy of graduation for December applicants. There is no ceremony, which I understood at the onset of my path, but there is nothing! No small gathering for the graduates, no professor's congratulations, not even coffee and donuts! I find it ironic (especially now that Saint Leo has become a university and is spending money left and right to recruit new students) that the graduates of December are being pushed out the door without even a thank you! There was a luncheon a couple of weeks ago to recruit new honors students into the program, when I, who worked two whole semesters on my research, was not even given the opportunity to present it! I was told to return in May, feel free to walk, and present my project at that time, unfortunately I will be taking my final exams that week in law school and will be unable to attend. I did not think that we were asking for too much when we requested a gathering of the December graduates with perhaps Dr. Kirk or Dr.Astolfi or even the head of the Honors department to have lunch or just snacks in an attempt to wish each other well and say farewell to a school that was more than willing to see me come (when

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Dear Editor:

This note is an attempt to voice my very personal disappointment concerning the December graduation, or lack thereof, for St Leo's home campus students. As a perspective December graduate, I am thoroughly disillusioned with this University's treatment of our "off-season" accomplishments. In what amounts to a total and complete snub by the administration toward the students that worked extremely hard and at an accelerated pace, I must say in the words of Doc Holiday, "How Dode!"

Since coming to St. Leo as a transfer student in the fall of 1997, I have been quite proud of being a Monarch. I was so taken by the serenity and the academics offered that I did not even consider another school to complete my undergraduate work. Therefore, during the last two years, I have worked arduously at maintaining a 3.97 GPA, and have been on the Dean's List in all semesters attended. Moreover, as of January, I willing be attending Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, an accomplishment for which I am very proud of. In addition, as an extremely serious and dedi-

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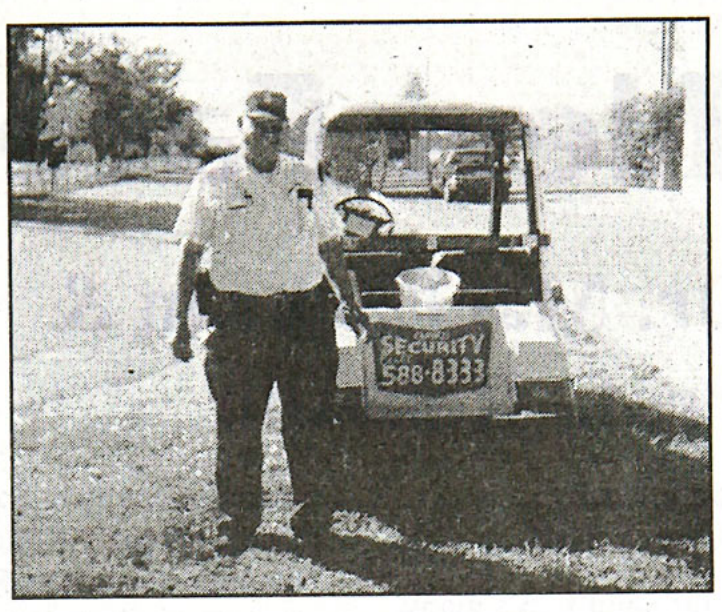

Heidi Huff
Staff Writer

Better safe than sorry, as the old cliché goes. Saint Leo University is always thought of as a safe community. Students, for the most part, are satisfied with security. As student Joe Specer said, "Security here is fine, I feel safe." Students are still advised to take proper precautions, however. Mrs. Jerome Helton, Security Director, encourages students to do a number of things. First, keep doors locked, not only the residence halls but also the vehicles. Drive with all doors locked and check around the car before getting into it each time. Students are also encouraged to walk in groups at night. Security does patrol, but it cannot be everywhere at once. If students do feel threatened at any time, they can call campus security. They are encouraged to be the eyes and ears of the security department and report any suspicious or unusual behavior.

The campus also offers a variety of assistance to residents. There is an emergency telephone service, with call boxes placed around campus. With the push of a button, this service places the call directly to security. This action allows security to locate and speak directly with the concerned party. In addition, the campus is patrolled twenty-four hours a day. There is even a security escort offered periodically during the night. Additionally, everyone associated with the school must register his or her vehicle to ensure that unwanted visitors are not allowed in. Last year, more lighting was added to help students feel more at ease in the evenings.

Although it seems every detail is being attended to, there are always glitches in the system. Concerns have been brought up about unmonitored, unescorted, same sex visitation, as well as about locking front doors of the residence halls. Students were given keys to these doors to ensure that only residents were being admitted, but no student has had to use them yet. Freshman Monique Williams stated, "I walked in one night at 3:00 am and the security guard was asleep." Obviously, some issues still exist.

Another one of these problems is the parking situation. As a result of a larger-than-expected number of student drivers, parking is limited. Overflow lots have opened up, but this is part of what is causing the safety issue. Across the street from the Marmion and Snyder residence halls, one of these lots has been added. Students do not feel safe crossing the street late at night and are concerned with minimal lighting. Dr. Evelyn Vitale, Vice President of Student Affairs, agrees that safety definitely is an issue. She stated that "the overflow lot at Marmion and Snyder is hopefully a short term solution." For the time being, she is meeting with a committee of four students to address this issue. They are trying to install more lighting to make the lot safer.

Honors Program Update

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The Saint Leo Honors Program made an impression at the annual meeting of the National Collegiate of Honors Councils. This conference was held in Orlando from October 28th to October 30th. On October 29th, the SLU Honors Program and the DePauw University Honors Program showcased a seminar called "Good Computer". DePauw presented first, showcasing their honors website along with a student testimonial about the honors program and the website. Following them was the SLU Honors Program, and the presenting fell upon Dr. Hudson Reynolds, Director, and student Aurora Vaca. Many differences existed between the DePauw and the Saint Leo presentations: the most notable difference was the manner used by the presenters to showcase the web sites. Dr. Reynolds and Aurora Vaca presented the image of a structured honors program that allows its students to express themselves in their own way. The audience appreciated this approach, and this was evident from the questions directed towards the SLU delegates during and after the seminar. Additionally, the conference boasted a wide variety of seminars from which anyone could choose. On the 28th, Honors Program students Cynthia Daly and Shane Metzler attended a seminar called, "Leaders, Leading and Leadership in American Higher Education." On the 29th, honors students Shan Anderson, Aurora Vaca, and Janice Burford attended two seminars entitled "Utopia/ Dystopia" and "Cultivating Cultural Diversity." The students were not the only ones at the conference. Dr. John Wozniak, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, showed his support of the SLU Honors Program by attending the "Good Computers" seminar. Dr. Astrid Vicas attended the computer seminar as well as the seminars "Workshop on Teaching Honors Courses" and "Showcasing Service and Scholarship." Dr. Tyson Anderson made an appearance on the 30th, for a talk given by Carl Safina (keynote speaker of the conference) entitled "A Song for the Blue Ocean." When asked what he thought about the conference and the presentation, Dr. Anderson said, "This presentation was excellent and eye-opening…I'm glad Dr. Reynolds was able to get support for students to attend." Shan Anderson remarked that she "enjoyed the presentation of the conference and the opportunity to meet honors students from all over the country."

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4 New Faces

Dr. MacEachran & Prof. Robeson

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Of Saint Leo's many new faculty members, two work particularly close together. These two are Dr. Joanne MacEachran and Prof. Jane Robeson. Both of these women are working to help the student body of Saint Leo University.

Dr. Joanne MacEachran is the Director of the Learning Resource Center. This center is a combination of the Math Lab and the Writing Center. Its goal is to assist students with tasks such as tutoring, stress reduction, test taking hints, and note taking techniques. Dr. MacEachran is well prepared for this role, as she has been in learning resource positions for twenty-eight years. She received a doctorate in Reading and Learning Disabilities from Harvard. From there, she went on to become the Learning Specialist for the Athletic Department at the University of Washington. Following this job, MacEachran served in a similar position in New England for twenty-six years.

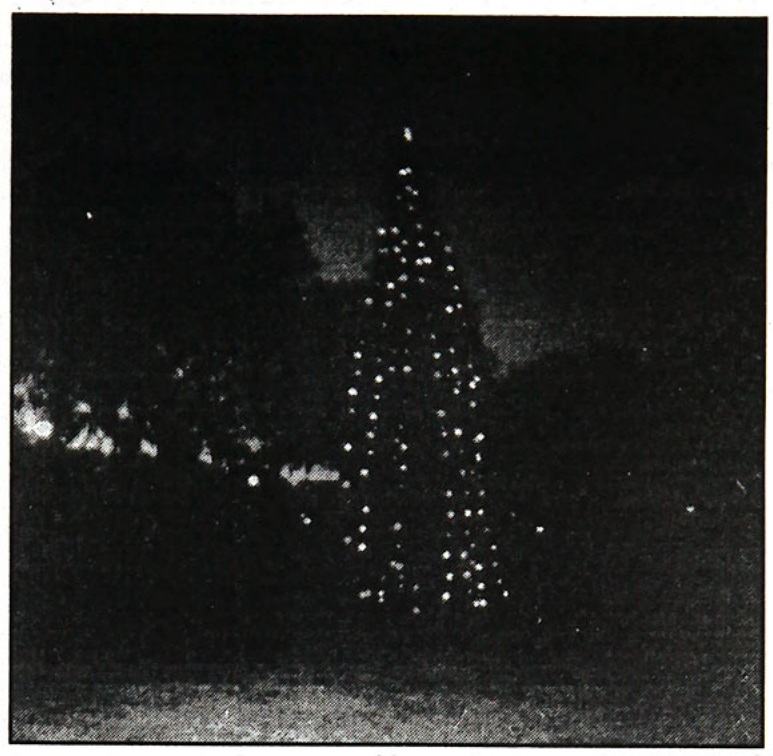
When she decided it was time for a "new challenge," she came to Saint Leo to become the Director of CAP (Conditional Accept Program) over the summer. Now she says her goal is to "get to know the students, work with them, and see a real change factor." MacEachran also stresses the fact that the students should not hesitate to contact the Learning Resource Center with any need they might have.

As newly appointed member of the visiting faculty at Saint Leo University College campus, Prof. Jane Robeson wears many hats. She is the Director of the Writing Center, a faculty advisor for Spanish students, and an ENG 121 teacher. Her position as director demands multiple skills, such as selecting and training peer tutors and matching them with students who require assistance. Her education is fairly extensive. She has an Honours Degree in Business with a Spanish Language and Literature minor from the University of Edinburg in Scotland. In addition, she received a RSA (Royal Society of Arts) diploma in English as a Second Language from the University of Cambridge.

Robeson came to Saint Leo University College campus from the College for International Students in Madrid, Spain. Robeson's position until the spring of 1999, was the coordinator of the English Department and ESL (English as a Second Language) program. Of her first time in America, Robeson says that she is experiencing "both culture and climate shock." Current students have good things to say about Ms. Robeson. Freshman Amanda Harris says, "She has an encouraging way of teaching. Freshman Jimmy Wilson also notes, "Jane is a demanding teacher with a fun atmosphere.

Anyone interested in utilizing the services of the Learning Resource Center should contact Dr. MacEachran at x 8462, and anyone needing help from the Writing Center should contact Prof. Robeson at x 8022.

Christmas at Saint Leo



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Saint Leo University's web site has a new look. The new format of the web page was designed so that it would be attractive, contemporary, and easy to access. According to Dr. Ed LaFontaine, there was a coordinating committee designed to oversee the website. This committee decided to enhance the old site and create a newer version.

There is more to this change than an urge to make the SLU web site more attractive to visitors. The Saint Leo University Handbook is now on-line as well. Before she left, Dr. Maureen Powers, Former VP of Student Affairs, made the decision to put Saint Leo's handbook online. The reasons for this are three-fold: first, more and more students are using the computers for everything — from word processing to surfing the net; second, it's cheaper; and third, other campuses can use our web site as a template or model for their own.

There is the question of printability, since the handbook is formatted to be seen through Adobe Acrobat only and is not printable at this time. John Rossiter of Computer Services is working to change the method of availability, as well as accessibility. The web site will soon have a table of contents with hyperlinks to sections of the handbook. Administrators feel that, even if some students do not have the paper copy of the handbook, they can go to the Saint Leo web site and look it up there. The address of the website is: www.saintleo.edu

24-Hour Visitation Policy

Jay Kubica
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This year, Saint Leo University has kept a policy of "open visitation" in all of its residence halls, except Marmion and Snyder. An "open visitation" policy means that members of opposite sex can stay in each other's rooms for as long as they want. In Marmion/Snyder, members of the opposite sex must leave the room by 2:00 am on weekdays and 3:00 am on weekends. "They [the students] haven't abused it, and I think that they handled the responsibility well," Director of Residence Life Julie Ciccarone said of the open visitation policy.

The implementation of the open visitation policy is a sign of trust and confidence in the upperclassmen of Saint Leo. "As students get older, they learn to handle more responsibility. I think this is an indication of that," Ciccarone said. "We haven't had any discipline problems as a result," she added.

Open visitation was adopted when students decided to sign a petition requesting it and present the idea to Residence Life.

The Marmion/Snyder halls haven't had this policy implemented for many reasons, one of which is parental concern. "Parents don't always want their first-year student to have open-visitation," Ciccarone said.

"I don't think it's a good idea, but I think the I.D. thing is stupid," Freshman Jennifer Marcoux said of open visitation in Marmion/Snyder.

"Objectively, I have no problem with it," Freshman Sean Marshall said.

"I think we should have open visitation, because most of us are adults and can legally live with whomever we want. But Saint Leo forces us to live on campus or with parents, so it shouldn't restrict who can be where if we are being forced to live on campus," Freshman Annette Carey commented.

"I think that if they want students over here to act the part of adults then they need to treat them like adults, which means allotting them a certain amount of our trust," Marmion/Snyder Resident Assistant Sage Waters said.

Music Review: Bif Naked

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Bif Naked— who is that? Is she one of those girly alterna-rockers? As a matter of fact, she is. Bif, short for Bifaroni, was born in India. She was adopted by two American missionaries and found her way to Canada, where she now lives. She has been in and out of many punk rock bands, including Gorilla Gorilla and Chrome Dog, but she feels she can fully express herself working solo. Bif Naked spent many years dealing with self-abuse of body and mind with alcohol and drugs. Now, Bif Naked commits herself to living a straight— edged lifestyle. This lifestyle is one completely free of drugs, alcohol, promiscuity, and (for some people) meat. Bif marks large black X's on her hands to symbolize her lifestyle.

Bif Naked's album, *I Bifcus*, hit the stores August 8. It was criticized for sounding too much like No Doubt, another girl-led band. Honestly, Bif Naked is far from No Doubt. Bif Naked combines power rock hooks and emotion to form her own sound. Her album deals with her life struggles. Bif writes all of her own music and has cute cartoon characters throughout her lyric book. The advice she gives in her lyric book to *I Bifcus* is, "Eat your food. Move your bowels. And when you are tired—go [lie] down."

"I get totally excited if only ten people come out to my show."
-Bif Naked

Bif shows her strong convictions and complete honesty through her own unique sound. She appeared as the only female artist at the Edgefest, a concert in Canada with bands like the great Green Day, Creed and Foo Fighters. Bif comments on her performances: "I get totally excited if only ten people come out to my show." She wants the public to get a positive message from her and her music. As long as she stays on her current path, only great things are in store for her.

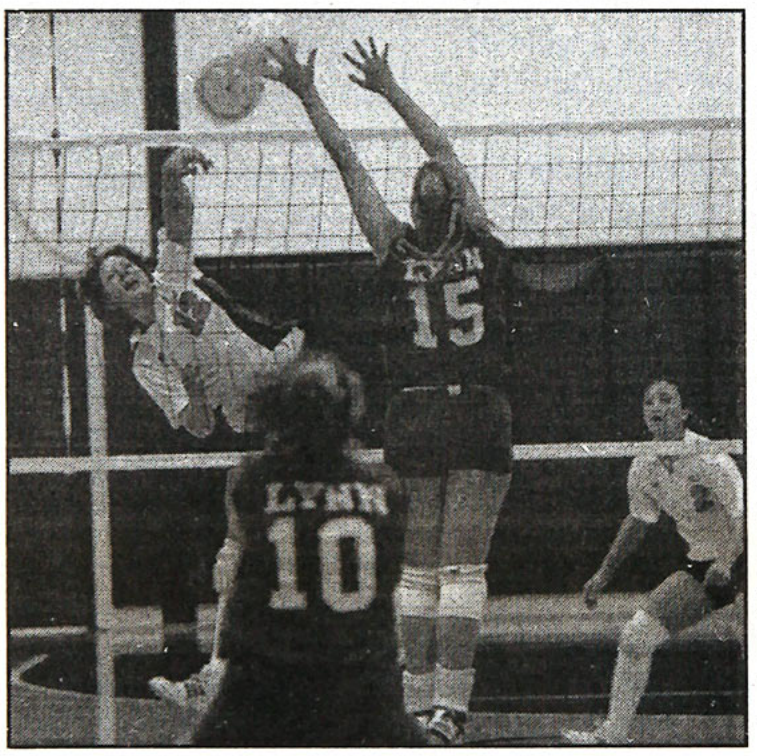
6 SPORTS UPDATES

MEN'S BASKETBALL (6-1)

Men Win Six Straight…The Saint Leo men's basketball team won twice more last week to extend its winning streak to six games. The Lions defeated Palm Beach Atlantic at home in overtime and got past Nova Southeastern on the road to improve to 6-1.

Saint Leo 75, Nova Southeastern 59…Matt Hogarth scored a gamehigh 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Saint Leo (6-1) to a 75-59 win over Nova Southeastern Univ. in Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday night. Hogarth, a 6-6 sophomore from Manchester, England, hit 8-of-13 field goals and 9-of-13 free throws as the Lions won their sixth straight. The Lions had a 26-22 advantage at the half but used a 19-4 run early in the second half to pull away. Senior Brett Slaughter added 16 points and junior Gary Downing scored 10 in the win.

Saint Leo 100, Palm Beach Atlantic 97 (OT)… Senior Brett Slaughter had 24 points, nine rebounds and seven assists as Saint Leo (5-1) held off Palm Beach Atlantic (4-5) for its fifth straight win at home on Wednesday night. Saint Leo led 83-81 with :02 left in regulation but Jim Harwood was fouled shooting a three-pointer and hit two of three free throws to send the game into overtime. Matt Hogarth's two free throws with :48 remaining in overtime gave Saint Leo a 98-97 advantage and it held on despite hitting just two-of-six free-throws over the final 35 seconds. Daniel Palmer led Saint Leo with 27 points and James Turner added 18. Six players scored in double figures for Palm Beach Atlantic, led by Shelby Davis with 29.



Five in Double Digits… Through seven games, five players are averaging in double figures for the Lions. Guard Brett Slaughter is averaging 17.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game in his fourth and final season. Sophomore Matt Hogarth is contributing 15.4 points and a team-leading 8.7 rebounds per game. Juniors Daniel Palmer and Gary Downing are scoring 14.1 and 14.0 points respectively while Jame Turner adds 10.6 points per contest.

Palmer Moves Up Assist List… Daniel Palmer has moved up a spot on the school's career assist list. The junior point guard from Newcastle, Australia now ranks third all-time at Saint Leo with 295 assists. The record of 596 is held by Jim Wilson who played from 1983-87.

Slaughter Career Point Watch…Brett Slaughter started the 1999-2000 season at No. 13 on the Saint Leo all-time career scoring list Seven games into his senior season, the 6-6 guard has moved into 10th all-time with 1259 career points. He recently passed John Fitzgerald who scored 1238 points from 1974-78. Joe Orchulli (1963-67) is the school's all-time leader with 1974 points.

Up Next... The men's basketball team faces Florida Memorial on Monday night (Dec. 6) in Miami. It returns home on Friday night to host Thomas College (GA) at 7:30 p.m.. The Lions follow that up with a home game on Monday, Dec. 13 against West Florida. The squad then takes a few weeks off for Christmas break before returning to action on Jan. 4.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (3-3)

Lions Even Mark at 3-3…The Saint Leo women's basketball team went 2-1 last week to even its season mark at three wins and three losses. Saint Leo, Florida Tech go 2-0 at SLU Sunshine Classic…The Saint Leo women's basketball team hosted its first SLU Sunshine Classic over the weekend. Florida Tech, Nova Southeastern and Webber joined Saint Leo in the two-day event. Saint Leo and Florida Tech both won two games with Nova and Webber going away with two losses. Saint Leo 73, Nova Southeastern 68… Tasha Ealey finished just shy of a triple-double on Saturday with game-highs of 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists for Saint Leo, who overcame a nine-point deficit in the second half to defeat Nova Southeastern 73-68. Trailing 50-41 at the 13-minute mark, Saint Leo used a 10-3 run to tie the game at 53-53 before taking its first lead since early in the first half at 57-55. Leading 64-63 with 2:26 remaining, the Lions went on an 8-0 run to seal the victory. Angela Newson added 14 points, nine rebounds and four steals while Anthia Casanova and Ebony Winn scored 10 apiece. The Lions avenged a 71-65 loss to the Knights in Ft. Lauderdale on Tuesday. Saint Leo 66, Webber 39…Saint Leo defeated Webber College 66-39 at home on Friday night. Point guard Tasha Ealey scored 20 and had five assists and Samantha Campbell added 11 points in the win. Saint Leo jumped out to a 17-3 lead to start the game and went into the half with a 40-15 advantage. The Lions held Webber to 26 percent shooting for the game and forced 31 turnovers.

Good Week for Ealey….Guard Tasha Ealey had an outstanding week in leading the Lions to a 2-1 record. The 5-8 guard from Tampa averaged 17.3 points 6.0 rebounds and 6.0 assists over the team's three games. She scored 20 in the win over Webber and had 22 in the Nova victory. Ealey Scoring Leader…Through six games, senior guard Tasha Ealey leads the team in scoring averaging 13.8 points per game. The Tampa native also leads with an average of over five assists per game and is second on the team in rebounding (5.5 rpg). Junior Angela Newson is the squad's top rebounder pulling down seven per game and is averaging seven points per game. Junior Samantha Campbell is second on the team in scoring averaging 11.3 points per game.

Up Next… The Lions will play a game on each of the next two Saturday's before taking off for Christmas. They are on the road this Saturday to face Webber College in Babson Park at 3 p.m. The squad returns home on Saturday, December 18 to host Berry College (GA) at 4 p.m.

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Female Sport Profile: Lisa Hicks, Basketball

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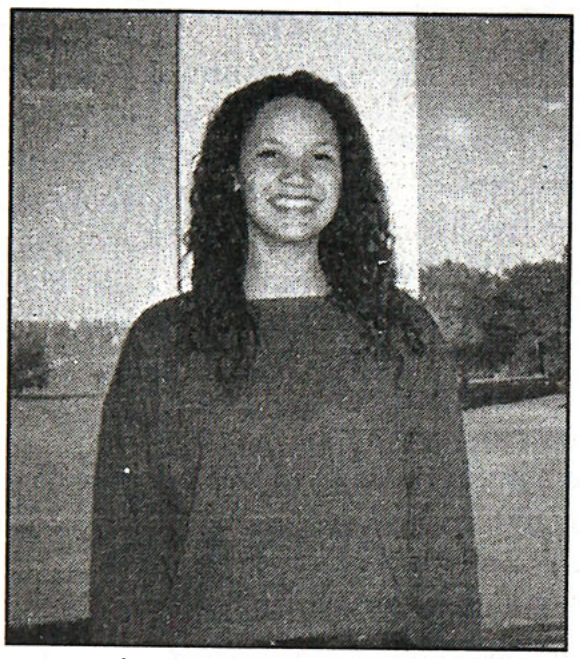
The Lady Lions are just beginning their season, and many students don't even know all of the team. This girl's team is heavy with talent and a new coach; they have a lot of potential this season. One person who should be involved strongly this season is Lisa Hicks.

Lisa is a sophomore who is majoring in International Business. She is originally from Clearwater, Florida. She graduated from Clearwater Central Catholic High School, where she played basketball. Lisa averaged a double-double during her entire high school career. She graduated in 1997, and went to Virginia State University. After her first year at Virginia State, Lisa decided she wanted a break from institutional education; so she left Virginia and



went to the Coast Guard Academy. She stayed at the Coast Guard Academy for a year. Then in 1999, she enrolled at Saint Leo University, received a basketball scholarship, and joined the Lady Lions. At 6'1" Lisa brings height and scoring to the team. She plays center and power forward and dominates in the paint and on the glass. Lisa commented on the team saying, "It's early in the season, and the chemistry of the team on the floor is still developing; but our talent is high, and if we can play together we can do well."

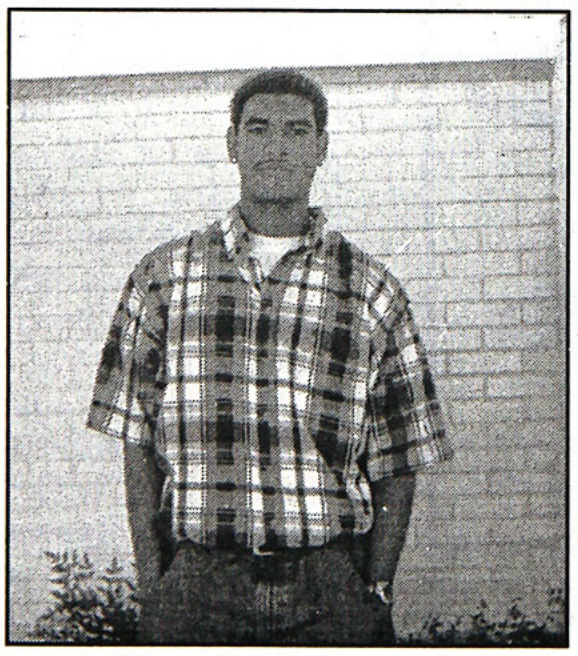
Outside of basketball, Lisa is an outgoing person who enjoys dancing, cooking, eating, and traveling. Lisa says that she came to Saint Leo because of the small classes, and because she wanted to be closer to home. This allows her family to come to her games. At school, she is a member of Saint Leo's Honors program. Lisa is both athletic and energetic. She is an appreciated member of the basketball team and an exceptional student on campus. She excels in both areas.

Male Sport Profile: John Quinn, Soccer

Walter Wright
Staff Writer

Men's soccer is strong every year here at Saint Leo. New recruits come to Saint Leo and perform well in a very competitive conference. In fact all players on the team are talented and athletic. One of the team's newest members is Jonathan Quinn.

John Quinn is a junior who is only playing his second year of collegiate soccer. He plays forward for the Lions. John is originally from Panama, but he has lived many places. The son of a military man, he traveled a lot. Then he settled in Brandon, Florida, and graduated from Armwood High School, (also in Brandon). At Armwood, he was on the soccer team and made first team all conference his junior and senior year. He also was a state all-star his senior year. He graduated in 1997,and received an athletic scholarship to the University of South



Florida for soccer. John played one year with the USF Bulls and then transferred to Saint Leo in 1998. He sat out the 1998 season in order to be eligible for the next year. Commenting on the team John said, "The team has a lot of young talent, and if we learn to play together we will do well. We need more experience playing together to succeed."

At 6'1", John does more than just play soccer. He likes to play basketball and work with his computer. John is majoring in CIS (Computer Information Sciences). John likes Saint Leo because it has small classes, and he came here because it is close to home. His sister, Jolana, attends the school as well. John has one brother and three sisters. He is eager to compete with the team and represent his school.

To nominate an athlete for a player profile please contact the Monarch at X8316.

8 Movie Review: *Dogma*

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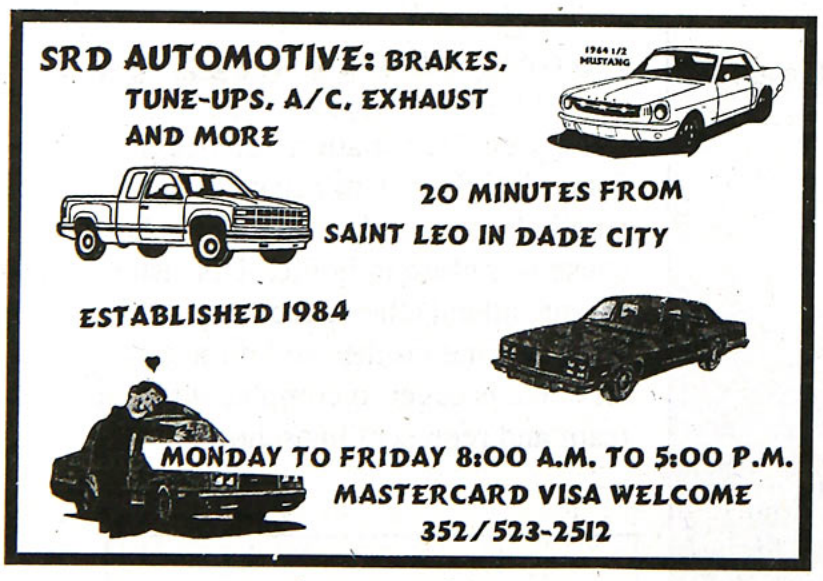
Silent Bob and Jay are back for more. *Dogma*, the most recent film they star in, hit the theatres November 12. What a film it is! Silent Bob, aka Kevin Smith, directs and co-stars in this comedy. It puts a new light on all of the movie hype about a possible apocalypse.

Dogma has a great cast, including two fallen angels— Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. They find a religious loophole and plan to reenter heaven. The only problem is, entering heaven would wipe out all existence. That brings Bethany (Linda Fiorentino) into the picture for a holy crusade to Red Bank, New Jersey, to stop the angels. It is a great mission for her because it reestablishes her faith that previously has been questioned. Along Bethany's way she meets Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob, "Smootchie Bootchies," who are also going to New Jersey. Rufus, played by Chris Rock, comes in as the Thirteenth Apostle who has some "beef" with the fact that he is forgotten. Along the way they visit a muse, Serendipity (Salma Hayek), who offers them some help. Their journey is full of adventure and humor. "I thought this movie was awesome. I can only say good things about it," comments Lindsay King, freshman.

This movie has stirred up some controversy. It is not a flick for everyone. Rated R, this movie should be recommended for anyone who is a fan of Kevin Smith films. Other films written/ directed by Kevin Smith include *Clerks, Mallrats*, and *Chasing Amy*. Any fan of these movies should definitely check out *Dogma*.



Domestic Violence Week

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The week of November 7th to November 14th was observed on campus as Domestic Violence week. Saint Leo University observed this week by passing out pins and ribbons, and by introducing a self-defense class that week. There may be questions why there was not a more active approach taken; however, there is another Domestic Violence week scheduled for January 2000, which promises to be a more active week in observance of domestic violence.

Student Profile: Billy Floyd

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William Lee Floyd is a twenty-year-old Virgo who enjoys romantic, moonlit strolls on the beach at sunset. He is looking for the perfect girl. Mr. Floyd would also like it to be known that he *is* Italian and *has* big shoes. Mr. Floyd has a great sense of humor and is able to talk or make anyone laugh.

Okay now, really, you already know Billy, or Bill: you just may not be aware of it yet. Who doesn't know who Billy is? He is the current president of Tau Kappa Epsilon, **TKE**, the public relations director for the Greek Council, and he recently had a leading role in Theatre Playhouse 90's production of Major Barbara as Adolphus Cousins. So you still may not know him despite these university-orientated activities and his cheap stab at getting a decent girl through the *Monarch* newspaper. That's all right. Just keep your eyes open for him. Key points to keep in mind when looking for him: a crazy, outgoing, spontaneous personality that may overwhelm you at times but can also be a devoted and caring friend.

Billy is a junior at Saint Leo University. He is majoring in Computer Information Systems. He insists that he is well known because he was the one who handed out the laptops at the beginning of the year. However, most students know him because he always says hello and has a nice, warm joker smile. One may simply ask, "Where does all that energy come from?"

When asked how he feels about attending Saint Leo he replied: "It's like a large family environment, where everyone knows everyone else. I see my closest friends at each meal, and spend more time socializing than I do eating. Some of the most important people I am closest to, I have met here at Leo. This school is on the verge of exploding with opportunity. Give Leo time. Granted, neither you or I will be here, but it all starts with us."

Billy has participated in activities and events offered by Saint Leo including theater, Student Government Union (senator), Public Relations director for Greek Council, intramural football, and he's an avid, dedicated fan of the Lions Volleyball team. When asked how he felt about the availability of activities to participate in on campus, the response was a typical one given by many students when asked the same question: "There are numerous activities on campus to attend. They are informational, educational, and occasionally fun ; the problem is that no one attends them. Why? Because there is no beer, and people are lazy."

Yearbooks

There have been questions about when yearbooks will be given out this year. There have also been concerns about class pictures as well. The only explanation that can be given is that the Yearbook Staff is encountering some problems which are delaying yearbook distribution. Attempts to find out about the cause of delays have been unsuccessful, and the Yearbook Office still remains closed and locked in deChantal Hall.

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Student Justin Ihara stated that the best part was "definitely the funhouse; and my mom brought me coconuts from home, so now I have food in my room."

One of the many activities was presented by Theatre Playhouse 90; they put on a play entitled "Shaw: The New Millennium." For those who missed the presentation, here is a quick overview: Andrew Undershaft, played by David Jay Strauss, runs a multi-million dollar company that distributes weapons. He needs to pass on this company to his son Steven, played by Michael Iafrato. But as tradition has it, Andrew can only pass it on to an orphan. Steven is a political man and doesn't even want the company, so that option is out. Charles Lomax (Angelo Ritacco) is marrying Andrew's daughter Sarah (Jaclyn Gay), but he is a complete idiot and cannot be left with the company. Barbara Undershaft (Avena-Lyn Smith) is soon to marry Adolphous Cousins (Billy Floyd). Barbara is against her father's company, but Adolphous decides to take the company anyway. Since his parents' marriage is only legal in Australia, he is legally considered an orphan. He then plans to change his name, take over the company, and marry Barbara. Supporting players and cast include: Krystal Self, Amber Ernest, Barry Brock, Antonio Torrico, Jennifer Chadeayne, Tammy Cade, Felicia Beasley, Paige Batton, Shawnae Hayes, Rebecca Hubert, Nan Gould, Bethany Smith, Mark Terry, and Dr. Dirk Budd. The cast has been practicing since the second week of school and, all in all, the performance turned out well. Billy Floyd commented on the outcome: "We threw in a few lines that were made up, but I think the second show went a lot smoother than the first."

Following the play Friday night, there was a talent show with cash prizes. Acts included dancing, singing, and instrumental playing. Placing in the individual competition was Lyndy Compas, Chris Hadden, and Lindsay King. Placing for group competition was Tri Sigma, Tom Public, Angelo Ritacco, Neil Kennedy, and Billy Floyd. It was tough competition with only three prizes for each category. Singer Lindsay King said, "I was very nervous at first because the people before me were really good."

It took much effort and preparation from Student Activities Director Mrs. Nancy Pond and the committees, for everything to turn out so well. Plant Operations was a big help in setting up everything. Rich Vogel, who is in charge of the cafeteria, planned a "carnival lunch" to go along with the Grease Carnival. In addition, a car club was contacted to bring in classic cars, costumes were ordered, and Oldies music was played, all for the sake of the carnival. Celebrating the Century has never been so sensational!

Faculty Profile: Dr. Marguerite McInnis

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As the year progresses, we continue to introduce new faculty members and welcome back old ones.

Dr. Marguerite McInnis has been a member of Saint Leo's faculty since January of 1998. She joined Saint Leo as an associate professor and the director of social work. This year she is an associate professor and the department chair of the Social Work and Human Services Department.

Dr. McInnis has been involved in social work since 1976. She earned her B.A in psychology in 1986, from Thomas A. Edison State College in New Jersey, and went on to Florida State University, where she received her M.S.W. in 1992, and her Ph.D. in 1997.

Although she was born and raised in Florida, Dr. McInnis is well travelled because of her father's military job. She has lived in places such as Hawaii, Georgia, and California. Her hobbies include jogging, (which she tries to do five times a week, if possible), going to Panchos Villa for lunch, and writing poetry. She is married, with a husband of eighteen years, and she has two cats and a dog.

Dr. McInnis has a very uplifting personality and always has energy to spare. "Learning", she says: "is the most importing thing, I cannot fathom not being able to learn for the rest of my life."

Happy Holidays

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Leo is] a place where I've made wonderful friends, and I'll never forget them," she added. "Leaving is kind of like leaving half my life behind." Martin now plans to travel, to catch up with old friends, and to keep her Creative Counseling Center in Lakeland alive and well.

The Frances Martin Scholarship is endowed. At the time of publication approximately $4,000 had been raised, out of a necessary $10,000. Those interested in making a donation can contact Dr. Maribeth Durst, Dean of Education and Social Services, at St. Edward Hall #345, or by phone at 352-588-8305.

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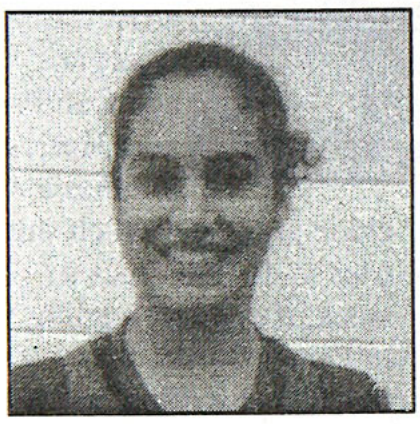
Photo Poll: Do you think that Saint Leo University has enough student participation in activities?

Autum-Dawn Rosado & Nikki Franchini
Staff Writers

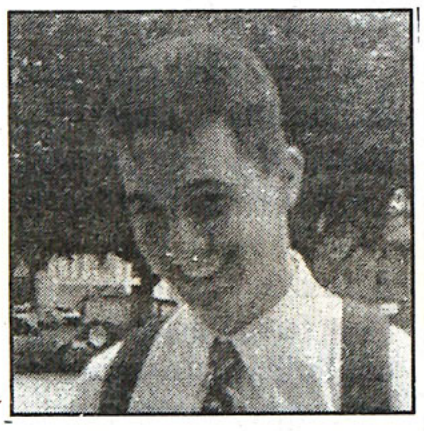


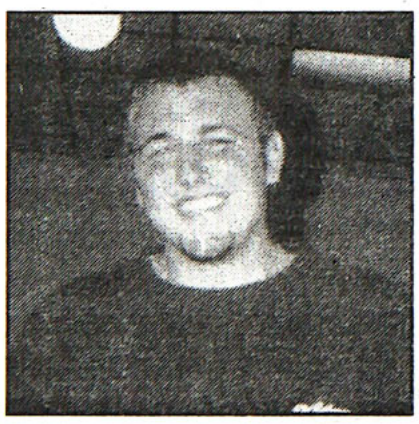
"I think they do. An example is intrumural sports. It gets people involved; they don't have to be committed and they have fun. The school is open-minded about starting new things."

-Mary Martinez

"I don't think there is enough student participation and there could be a lot more."

-Tommy Parasido





"No. I think students don't get involved because they are not interested in the events, or they just don't come to the events."

-Rob Paradise

"Nope! There is not enough student participation. You have to convince people to come to events. I do not think there is enough Leo spirit. People waste too much time being social and not enough time on activities."

-Ana Di Donato

Graduation from pg. 2

it cost me almost three times the amount of tuition to attend 30 credit hours in one semester) but I was told that it was not possible because they could not be sure who was graduating until after grades were posted on the 20th of December. I was then told that maybe after that date a gathering would commence. I would like to know what professors are willing to return on Christmas break to wish the graduates well! I am completely disillusioned at the treatment of us graduates, the over achievers who are graduating early, who worked harder, and paid more money to take more classes and are being disrespected at this the most memorable moment of our lives. Thank you Saint Leo, farewell, and good riddence!!!

-Grace Dyer

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Monthly Horoscopes

Aries, Ram – March 21st – April 19th

*Love – You are having a great time being single. Enjoy!

*School/Work – There is always room for improvement; keep your head up and keep working.

Taurus, Bull – April 20th – May 20th

*Love – Keep the smile on your face, and you will have a date in no time.

*School/Work – Do not let that crazy teacher get to you; work harder, and show them what you're made of kid!

Gemini, Twins – May 21st – June 20th

*Love – Changing your underwear is a start to a prosperous love life!

*School/Work – School work again? Don't worry, and don't let it get you down.

Cancer, Crab – June 21st – July 22nd

*Love – Next time you see that special someone, don't forget his/her name.

*School/Work – Don't let work spoil your mood; remember to have fun.

Leo, Lion – July 23rd – August 22nd

*Love – It isn't bad being single; just look on the bright side of things and continue having a blast.

*School/Work – It's understandable that you are stressed, but so goes life. Smile and bear it. ☺

Virgo, Virgin – August 23rd – September 22nd

*Love – Being in love isn't the only way to be happy. Stop stressing love and be a friend.

*School/Work – Maybe a study group would be a good idea; either that or start using your time management skills.

Libra, Scales – September 23rd – October 22nd

*Love – Ask that special someone on a date to the Winter Formal. He/she is waiting.

*School/Work – Money comes to you easier than time for studying. Is that what you really want?

Scorpio, Scorpion – October 23rd – November 21st

*Love – Next time you are out to eat with your babe, try using a napkin.

*School/Work – Chill out on the intense studying. Your friends miss you.

Sagittarius, Archer – November 22nd – December 21st

*Love – Trying to look hot is not always the way to score a love. Remember you are a pretty cool person cn the inside.

*School/Work – Awesomely huge paychecks and great grades are what you should be aim ing for. Stay awake and continue to study.

Capricorn, Goat – December 22nd – January 19th

*Love – Beware of whom you talk to. You are stepping onto some dangerous ground.

*School/Work – If you let down now, you won't be able to catch up. Continue to work and you'll be proud!

Aquarius, Water Bearer – January 20th – February 18th

*Love – Loves you, loves you not? Why are you reading this? Go ask him/her!

*School/Work – What have you been thinking? Too much work is never good. Give your self a breather, dude.

Pisces, Pair of Fish – February 19th – March 20th

*Love – That "someone" just wants your cash. Ditch him/her and move on.

*School/Work – You haven't been concentrating enough. Buckle down and get what you need to do done, or else.

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12 Final Examination Schedule

Fall Semester 1999
Wednesday, December 15, 1999 - Saturday, December 18, 1999

This schedule was updated December 3, 1999. Please note the changes from the previous schedule.

Classes Offered On	Date of Exam	Time of Exam
MWF 3:30	Wednesday, December 15, 1999	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
TR 8:00	Wednesday, December 15, 1999	10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
TR 1:30	Wednesday, December 15, 1999	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
MWF 8:30	Thursday, December 16, 1999	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
TR 11:00	Thursday, December 16, 1999	10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
MWF 10:30	Thursday, December 16, 1999	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
MWF 11:30	Friday, December 17, 1999	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
TR 9:30	Friday, December 17, 1999	10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
MWF 2:30	Friday, December 17, 1999	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
MWF 9:30	Saturday, December 18, 1999	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
MWF 1:30	Saturday, December 18, 1999	10:10 - 12:10 p.m.
TR 3:00	Saturday, December 18, 1999	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Evening classes may hold final exams during the last class period or on December 16 or 17 from 6 p.m.. - 8 p.m.

December 1999 Calendar

1st Pool Closed until February.	**2nd** Trip to Z'hills Movies. 6:30-9:30	**3rd** Magical Night Christmas Parade Dade City 7:30pm.	**4th** Dade City Christmas Stroll Main Street 4-9pm.
5th *Trip to Outlet Mall- Ellenton	**6th** SGU Meeting 4:30 Selby	**7th** Pearl Harbor Day	**8th** *Trip to Walmart and Kmart.
9th Christmas Play Theatre Playhouse 90	**10th** Christmas Play Theatre Playhouse 90 Men's Basketball 7:30pm	**11th** *Trip to Weeki Wachee Springs Winter Formal 7:30pm St. Anthony's	**12th** *Trip to Citrus Park Mall 12-6pm
13th Last Day of Classes IM Flag Football Championships Men's Basketball 7:30pm	**14th** Reading Day	**15th** Final Exams	**16th** Final Exams Midnight Breakfast
17th Final Exams Last Day for Weight Room	**18th** Final Exams Women's Basketball 4pm	**19th** Residence Halls Close 11am	**20th** Grades Due
21st	**22nd**	**23rd** Grades Mailed	**24th** Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day	**26th** Offices Closed	**27th** Offices Closed	**28th** Offices Closed Women's Basketball 7pm
29th Offices Closed	**30th** Offices Closed	**31st** Offices Closed Women's Basketball	

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Complaint from pg. 2

cated student, I have always sang the praises of St. Leo. In fact, I have tried to recruit many of my college-bound relatives and friends into becoming members of the Leo family.

Ahh, but that was then and this is now! Presently, I would not recommend St. Leo to one of the stray cats in my neighborhood. Would it really be such a big deal to offer congratulations and well wishes in small dignified gathering in December? Would not the public relations and future alumni contributions aspect be enough of a driving force to appease myself and my fellow graduates? I think it would behoove the powers at be to make an attempt to show that our tenacity and hard work meant something to the University at large. We all understand a ceremony is open to December graduates in May, however, many of us will not be able to attend due to our future endeavors. All we're asking for is some recognition, some small token of appreciation to take with us as we continue on our paths in life.

If this is my final farewell to St. Leo, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the Professors (and you know who you are), which have prepared me to continue fighting for my dream. And if by chance, plans change and we receive some semblance of a ceremony, I would like to say to Dr. Kirk, "you did the right thing!"

Sincerely,
Arlene Galante --- Class of December 1999!